

# MINUTES

## Cheatham County Board of Education

September 10, 2007

### Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2007 in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairman Barry Breen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and asked Mr. Spiegl to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, following a moment of silence.

### Roll call:

Present were Barry Breen, Susan Greer, Dianne Proffitt, Chris Spiegl, and Rickey Thomas. Absent was Jackie Kemp. The law requires a majority of the membership of the Board for passage; therefore, four votes are required to pass any question before the Board.

### Approval of agenda:

Chairman Breen stated there was no business, at this time, to conduct on the budget and requested that Budget and Finance be moved to the end of the agenda. Following this meeting, the Board will go into an adjourned session and will reconvene at the appropriate time to consider the budget. Proffitt made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted changes – also change item 11-G-7 to CMS as the zoned school, remove Amanda Ducharme from item 11-E, and add Jim Lavery to item 11-E. Greer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by those present.

### Public forum:

The public forum offers the public an opportunity to address the Board about various subjects. Breen specified that anyone wishing to address the Board must complete the Public Forum form prior to speaking. Tammie Lavender addressed the Board thanking them for working diligently to deliver the school budget in a timely manner and expressed thanks to those commissioners supporting the school budget. Lavender encouraged everyone to call their county commissioner and urge them to support the school budget.

Presentations and awards: None

### Reports:

A) Director Seifert reported the CCCHS project was still in the planning and bidding stage, with the possibility that some sections would be re-bid.

B) Director Seifert reported the WCES library furniture had arrived and would be installed in a couple of days.

Hearing of delegations:

Glenn Gaines of Energy Education presented a plaque to Chairman Breen with system-wide accolades for a three year energy savings consumption of \$925,605, saying only ten percent of the districts they work with receive such an award. He noted this savings can be invested back to education and encouraged the decrease in energy to continue after the contract ends. Gaines stated the work from Energy Education is free of charge after the contract ends this year. Chairman Breen thanked Mr. Gaines and said this was an example of the Board trying to use the funds provided in the best way possible.

Consent agenda:

Items are placed on the consent agenda that are routine and do not require discussion. Chairman Breen asked if there was an item on the Consent Agenda that any Board Member wished to pull for separate consideration. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and passed unanimously by those present to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A) Approval of minutes: August 6, 2007

B) Approval for tenure: None

C) Disposal of surplus equipment/materials:

1) SMS Principal Bell granted permission to dispose of the following irreparable or outdated items: 2 televisions, 3 VCRs, 1 Flex cam, 1 cassette player, 8 monitors, 3 printers, 1 overhead projector, 11 computers, and 250 books

D) School fees:

1) SHS Principal Newton granted approval of 07-08 fees:

\$20.00	Ag 1
\$20.00	Landscaping
\$20.00	Greenhouse
\$20.00	Small animal care
\$20.00	Wildlife
\$ 2.00	Lockers

2) SMS Principal Bell granted approval of 07-08 fees:

\$70.00	Football
\$10.00	Choir

E) Field trips:

1) HMS Principal Schliwa granted permission for an eighth grade field trip to Washington, D.C. April 24, 2008 – April 27, 2008. One hundred students and ten adults will make the trip by air. Students will miss only one school day – Thursday, Friday is a scheduled in-service day in lieu of optional activities.

F) School/Principal request: None

G) Early graduation request: None

H) Committees: None

Budget and finance:

This item was moved to the end of the agenda to be considered at the adjourned session.

Old business:

A) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and carried unanimously by those present to revise on second reading Board Policy 1.403, Agendas. This revision passed on first reading August 6, 2007.

B) There was no motion to bring the following item from the table: Revise on second reading Board Policy 6.200, Attendance. Board Policy #1.600, Policy Development and Adoption, reads in part: The Board's approval of the proposal or return for study and/or further revision shall constitute the first reading. This was accomplished during the July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> work session. This revision was tabled on August 6, 2007. Chairman Breen stated the policy stills needs work and there was no motion to bring it from the table.

New business:

A) Greer made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and carried unanimously by those present to revise on first reading Board Policy 6.303, Interrogations and Searches. This policy will be presented for second reading on October 1, 2007.

B) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Greer, and passed unanimously by those present to revise on first reading Board Policy 6.308, Bus Conduct. This policy will be presented for second reading on October 1, 2007.

C) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and carried unanimously by those present to revise on first reading Board Policy 6.316, Suspensions/Expulsion/Remand. This policy will be presented for second reading on October 1, 2007.

D) Chairman Breen stated the Board needed more clarification on the next item and with no objections he would withdraw revision on first reading of Board Policy 6.17, Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority. There were no objections.

E) Greer made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and carried unanimously by those present to approve the Textbook Adoption Committee for the 2007-2008 school year for K – 12 Social Studies. The following will serve, one from each school: Jim Lavery, Kathy Stroup, Susan Brown, Tammy Williams, Michelle Scott, Billie Ann McBride, Janis Hamlin, Linda Allen, David Henriksen, Jana Willis, Kathy Rubin, and Mike Kendrick. Greer stated the committee will consider a tremendous amount of information and thanked each for serving.

F) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and passed unanimously by those present to approve the 2007-2008 Extended Contract for the Cheatham County Schools. Greer thanked

Secondary Supervisor Alvin Rose for compiling the information that shows the Extended Contract is a successful program.

G) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Greer to approve the recommendations of the Zone Appeals Committee that would allow students to attend out of zone schools. Breen stated these appeals were discussed with the committee chairman at the recent work session. Proffitt expressed appreciation for the committee's thorough research of the requests. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

- 1) Approve Mallory Curtis to attend ECE, zoned PVE
- 2) Approve Jeralyn Johnson to attend ECE, zoned PVE
- 3) Approve Dagan Johnson to attend ECE, zoned PVE
- 4) Approve Meghan Allen to attend SHS, zoned CHS
- 5) Denied Bailey Vaughn to attend ECE, zoned PVE
- 6) Approve Trent Hornsby to attend SHS, zoned CHS
- 7) Denied Morgan Kitts to attend SMS, zoned CMS
- 8) Denied Brandon DeMoss to attend ACE, zoned WCE

H) Chairman Breen announced the Board must elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve for the next year. He thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as Chairman this past year and asked to make a comment. He stated that recently he had approached and encouraged each Board Member to serve as Chairperson for the coming year. Breen said he encourages someone else to serve and develop future leadership. He stated he would serve, but noted that due to some family health issues, could miss some work sessions or other meetings. Breen wants the Board to have a spirit of unity and consistency; support the Director when she is following the established policies; and the Director will follow policy and deal with all personnel issues.

Breen asked if there were other comments from the past year. Greer expressed appreciation for Mr. Breen accepting the leadership role. She said he followed a long-time Chairman and worked with half of the Board Members being new. Greer thanked Mr. Breen for his countless research, developing a relationship with the County Commission, and skillful leadership. Greer added that due to some family commitments she did not wish to serve as Chairman.

Thomas thanked Mr. Breen for serving as Chairman and noted that many obstacles were faced. He appreciated the leadership role and the Board Members working together.

Spiegel remarked that as a new Board Member he thanked Mr. Breen for his leadership and clear efforts on behalf of the students and county. He noted it had been an honor to learn from Mr. Breen, Ms. Greer, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Seifert, and all the school leaders this past year.

Thomas nominated Dianne Proffitt for Board Chairman. Ms. Proffitt declined, saying the Board should keep the experience, allowing the veterans to train the new members.

Greer nominated Mr. Breen to serve as Chairman for the next year. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Greer, and carried unanimously by those present to close the nomination. The Chairman asked for a vote and Mr. Breen was elected unanimously by those present to serve as Chairman through September 2008.

Chairman Breen opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Spiegl nominated Ms. Greer to serve as Vice Chairman for the next year. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and passed unanimously by those present to close the nomination. Chairman Breen asked for a vote and Ms. Greer was elected unanimously by those present to serve as Vice Chairman through September 2008.

Chairman Breen stated the Board would move forward in consistency and in making progress for the students of Cheatham County.

Other business:

Chairman Breen stated the County Commission would meet September 17<sup>th</sup> and would vote on school funding; therefore, the Board should meet in an adjourned session as soon afterwards as possible.

The Board work session to consider the budget was scheduled for Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

The Board retreat is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Seifert distributed direction and the agenda to the members.

The adjourned session was scheduled for Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Breen stated he wanted as much time as possible for the Board Members and the public to review the budget following the September 19<sup>th</sup> work session.

Breen stated that once the Board balances the budget, they will submit it to the County Commission for final approval. The Commission must then approve the final budget. If the County budget is not approved by October 5, 2007, the State stops funding, and the schools will cease to operate.

Chairman Breen said the School Board has tried to be good stewards of the funds that are provided to the Board. The Board wants the money to go to all the right reasons for all the right things. He noted that we can't always prevent errors, mistakes, and omissions, but can prevent recurrence of such. Breen would like the message to be received that any funds provided to the School Board go to the children – toward the improvement of the skills and abilities of the children to compete when they graduate. The Board will not waste dollars and needs 7 ½ cents as the school district continues to grow and be challenged with technology, career developments programs, vocational programs, and college prep programs. The funds are an engine that can be turned into reality. He begged the commission to approve the 7 ½ cents.

There being no further business, Chairman Breen recessed the meeting at 8:04 p.m. until Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by  
Carol F. Cannon

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Barry E. Breen, Board Chairman

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Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools